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WEATHER
For this section—Cloudy today;
tomorrow fair and colder; moder-
ate winds, becoming fresh west
and northwest.

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FREEDOM OF SHORT PERIOD FOR FOUR MEN

Rearrested by Fairfax Au-
thorities After Being
Liberated

BOND FIXED AT \$2,500

Edgar R. Dempsey and Three Com-
panions to Face Charge of Un-
lawful Entry and Robbery in
Fairfax County Court

Freedom was of short duration for
Edgar R. Dempsey, former Wash-
ington policeman and Arthur Bell,
last three named, after being re-
leased yesterday afternoon in the
United States Court for the Eastern
District of Virginia, by Judge D.
Lawrence Grover, following their
arrangement of impersonating a gov-
ernment officer, for immediately
thereafter they were taken in cus-
tody by Constable F. J. Wease, of
Fairfax county. The Fairfax authori-
ties charge the men with unlawful
entry and robbery. The men were
taken to the jail at Fairfax and their
bond was fixed at \$2,500 each. It
is understood that the men propose
to give bond today.

Only two witnesses were heard
yesterday after which the jury was
instructed to bring in a verdict of
not guilty of the charge of imperson-
ating a government officer.
It is understood that the four men
will be tried in the circuit court at
the term which opens January 15.
Robert Arnold, of New Alexandria,
Fairfax county, is the complainant in
the case. He charges that the four
men and others came to his house
the morning of July 14 and asked for
whiskey and being unable to procure
any they finally entered his house
and in the meantime took charge of
him and he says one of the men rob-
bed him of \$102 and later he says he
was placed in an automobile and
taken as far as the government ex-
perimental farm and dumped out.

THREE DIE IN RALEIGH BLAZE

(By United Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 6.—Three
persons were burned to death in a
fire which destroyed a garage used
as a home here today.

Mrs. I. W. Simpkins, her four-
year old son, and Carolina Fill, a ne-
gro nurse, lost their lives in the
flames.
The fire was discovered by I. W.
Simpkins, husband of the dead woman.
He jumped from the second
story where the family lived but
could not persuade the terrified woman
to leap to safety or drop her son.
J. C. Beck, a fireman, was seriously
injured when he attempted to rescue
the woman. As he approached
the burning building, a can of gaso-
line exploded. The loss was esti-
mated at one hundred and fifty
thousand dollars.

HOOVER DECLINES TO FILL FALL'S PLACE

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary of
Commerce Hoover today declined an
offer of President Harding to be-
come Secretary of Interior, suc-
ceeding Albert B. Fall, who will retire
March 4.

DANGER OF RACIAL WAR THOUGHT OVER

(By United Press.)
Rosewood, Florida, Jan. 6.—Armed
men from surrounding sections
returned home today after a night
and day of race rioting, in which
two whites and four negroes were
known to have been killed and part
of Rosewood burned.
The blacks shortly before whites
planned a mass attack on their
stronghold capitulated last night and
permitted a search for Jess Hunter,
wanted for an attack on a white girl.
The negro was not found and the
threat of one of the most serious
race wars in years passed.

NEGRESS GETS 10 YEARS

Richmond, Va., Jan. 6.—Pleading
guilty to grand larceny, May Anna
Taylor, negro domestic, 22, indicted
on the charge of robbery by force
and violence, was today sentenced by
Judge D. C. Richardson, in Hustings
Court, to serve 10 years in the Vir-
ginia Penitentiary. It was alleged
that she entered the home of Mrs. J.
P. Fitzgerald, at 2018 Stuart Avenue,
early in 1919 and robbed the house
of jewelry and other effects after
forcing Mrs. Fitzgerald into a closet
at the point of a pistol and lock-
ing the door.

Bible Thought for Today

The fathers have eaten sour
grapes, and the children's
teeth are set on edge.—Eze-
kiel, 18, 2.

EVELYN NESBIT CRITICALLY ILL WITH PLURO-PNEUMONIA

(By United Press.)
Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 6.—Evelyn Nesbit former wife of Harry K. Thaw, who shot Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square Garden on June 25, 1906 is critically ill of pluro-pneumonia in a private hospital here. Only her son Russell is permitted to see her.
Miss Nesbit, part owner of a cabaret here since her winning fight against the morphine habit which enslaved her a year ago, was celebrated as an actress on Broadway and in Paris since her divorce from Thaw. She was at one time wife of Jack Clifford.
Eighteen months ago she started taking morphine, the habit growing until the actress finally was driven to attempt suicide. After a desperate physical battle against the drug, she shook off the habit and had recently planned to take the lead in a campaign against the "dope" evil.
Miss Nesbit's reckless disregard of her health worried her friends recently, and it is believed she contracted pneumonia through exposure.

SANFORD MAY BE APPOINTED

Tennessee Judge Expected to Get
Seat in Supreme Tribunal Vacated by Pitney

(By Isaac Gregg.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—From the most reliable information the Gazette correspondent learns today that President Harding has decided to appoint Judge E. T. Sanford, of the United States district court of Tennessee as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States to succeed Justice Pitney, resigned. This action will be taken by the President unless he changes his mind within the next day or two.
Support for Judge Sanford has come from entirely non-political sources, chiefly the jurists with whom Judge Sanford has had dealings since his appointment to the bench in 1909. He is a Republican in politics and is declared to be one of the ablest judges on the district bench fully deserving of promotion. Among those who have supported him is Chief Justice Taft who, when asked what he knew about Sanford is declared to have endorsed him in highest terms.
One obstacle has been in the way of Sanford's appointment and that is Justice Reynolds of the Supreme Court has been generally credited to Tennessee because of the fact that he spent his early life there. However, McReynolds later practiced law in New York where he won the distinction which caused his elevation to the bench and it is now proposed to credit Justice McReynolds to New York and Sanford to Tennessee.

Judge Sanford was born at Knoxville, Tenn., on July 23, 1865. From January, 1907 to June, 1908, he was assistant attorney general of the United States. In June, 1908, he was appointed U. S. District Judge for the Eastern and Middle Districts of Tennessee. He served as a delegate to the Universal Congress of Lawyers and Jurists held at St. Louis in 1904.
He was formerly a vice president and member of the general council of the American Bar Association. Representative Frank W. Mondell, Republican leader of the House, is making a super-strenuous campaign for appointment as Secretary of the Interior to succeed Secretary Fall who announces that he will retire from the Cabinet on March 4, next. Mondell is attempting to rally to his candidacy all the politicians in the country who will endorse him. His campaign for the place has assumed the proportions of an open canvass as Senators, members of the House, national committee men and others have been approached to lend aid to the Mondell efforts.

At the instance of Mondell and his friends, a great many of the political leaders here have written letters to the President or have seen him in Mondell's interest. But behind the scenes the wisecracks are saying that the appointment of Mondell would be about as great a political blunder as the President could make. The letters and the calls on the President have been in several notable instances purely pro form affairs done because the politicians in question were not in a position to offend Mondell directly with a refusal to interest themselves in him.
One of the reasons why Mondell is seeking the place so strenuously is declared to be that the Secretary of the Interior will, in the next few months, have important decisions to make on government oil lands including those in the Teapot Dome region in Wyoming. It is declared that Mr. Mondell is anxious to be in a position to make these decisions when the time comes.

See The Gazette's Prize Cars

THE \$1,765.00 Reo is now on display at Dickerson's Garage, 113 South Pitt Street. A call at the Acro Auto Company, 1101 King Street and they will be glad to show the \$597.00 Chevrolet, the second prize car.

These are the two big prizes awaiting their owners and doubtless the winners will be decided by tonight.

REP. MOORE WILL WELCOME WOMEN

Program for Cameron Club Dinner
Near Completion—Prominent
Women to be Present

The program of speakers for the dinner to be given Monday evening by the Cameron Club, in Westminster Building, is rapidly nearing completion. Detailed statement of the items on the program have been withheld until today to enable the Committee in charge to speak authoritatively as to the names of those who will be present.
Representative R. Walton Moore will make the address of welcome. Following the address of the Hon. Mr. Moore Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck, newly elected Congresswoman from Illinois will make a short talk.
Three groups of women in the General Federation of Women in the States of Montana, second Vice President of the general federation, will speak for the officers. Mrs. Barry, of California, will speak for the group of National Chairmen and Mrs. Penny-packer, of Texas, will speak for the Past Presidents.
Among the noted guests will be the Treasurer of the United States Mr. Frank White and Mrs. White; Representative Leatherwood, of Utah, and Mrs. Leatherwood, the latter, President of the Intermountain group of States; the General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Hays, of Georgia; Federation Secretary of the Southeastern Group of States of the Federation, The Colonial Group of States will be represented by its President, Miss Helen Norris Cummings, of Alexandria.

MAD DOG KILLED

A dog believed to have been mad yesterday afternoon bit Mary Evans, colored, eight years old, of 807 South Fairfax street, on the leg. The same dog is said also to have bitten a dog in the neighborhood. Policeman Russell Thompson killed the dog, and the dog alleged to have been bitten by the dog killed is being kept up for ten days under the observation of the health department.

As will be observed by the vote tally and many of them will be turned in before the doors close at 9 o'clock tonight.
Minutes count now and they are the most vital minutes of the Gazette's campaign.
The BIG VOTES will soon be over, never again to be recalled.
9 o'clock tonight is the "zero" hour. Someone will "go over the top" in a blaze of glory. Someone will doubtless get the winning votes for the \$1,765.00 Reo—someone else will make sure of winning the \$597.00 Chevrolet between now and nine tonight.
The most important thing of all to remember is that today is the last of the BIG VOTES.

DOCTORS TELL WIERD TALE OF VICTIMS' DEATH

Bodies Give Evidence of De-
liberate Barbarous
Treatment

MEN WERE CRUSHED

Believe That Hooded Terrorists Had
Machine to do Killing With—Each
Arm Was Broken in 3 Places.

Court House, Bastrop, La., Jan. 6.—Cooly, scientific, Watt Daniel and Thomas F. Richards were crushed to death by hooded terrorists, pathologists who examined the broken mutilated bodies testified today in the open investigation of the murders.

With barbarous ingenuity and callous indifference, hands, heads and feet were wrenched from the battered bodies, Dr. Chas. W. Duval and Dr. John A. Landford testified. Scientific means were used to break each arm in three places, and then the chest cavity of the helpless victims—one a world war veteran and the other his friend—were smashed in by the "pressure applied from front and from back," the witnesses declared.

The most gruesome outrages were done that night last August behind the veil of dense foliage in a sheltered spot in the wooded section near Mer Rouge, after Daniel's father had been brutally beaten and two others had been severely flogged by the hooded torture squad. The Spanish Inquisition, Turkish massacres, and tortures of Apaches in the days of '49 were less inhuman than the tragedy of that black night as described in court today.

Cloaked in the unemotional language of the day of science, a crude operation, a revolting butchery, which had been performed on Daniel before his life was crushed out, was described.

Rumor had blamed the murders on one mob member who had been unmasked, as Daniel battled to free himself. The story had been whispered about that after the unmasking, Daniel and Richards had been shot to prevent them from exposing the man.

But the physicians in their report under the heading "pertinent comments" declared:
"The striking symmetry and character of the bone fractures and their relationship to the injuries surrounding soft tissues suggest that the body was subjected to some specially constructed device designed for inflicting punishment."

Captain Tells Thrilling Story

Took Vessel Commanded by Saund-
ers From November 27 to Jan-
uary 5 to Cross Atlantic

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 6.—A story of adventure on the high seas, battling with awful storms and under awful handicaps, which reads more like fiction than the truth that it is, was told here today by Capt. Fred Saunders, master of the American Saver West Hardaway, in from Halifax after a terrific voyage from Grange-mouth, Scotland. It took his ship from November 27 to January 5 to reach Hampton Roads.

The West Hardaway left Grange-mouth with 4,050 barrels of fuel oil aboard, and ran into strong westerly gales of such intensity that on December 13, while 560 miles out of Halifax, she ran out of oil and her engines stopped. Her emergency supply were called on to run one boiler to keep the dynamo for the wireless running and to provide heat for the ship and power for the steering engines.

She burned all the flooring in three hatches, all the dunnage wood and all the fittings of the ship. December 13, the steamer Elmsport heard her call for assistance and came alongside the next day, but she, too, was in trouble and had to go on alone. Next the steamer Argus picked her up December 16 and for two days tried to get a line aboard her, the line broke four times, and the Argus, herself crippled, had to go on.

The steamer West Haven came along, and her master Captain Culver, maneuvered his ship so close that a heaving line was thrown aboard and he took the vessel in tow. The next day, as they were headed for Halifax, they ran into an 80-mile gale. Captain Saunders said he stood on the bridge of his ship 49 feet from the water line and the sea was so high that he could not see the horizon. But his vessel rode perfectly, and weathered the blow.

On the last four days of the crawling la pto Halifax all available fuel was used up, and the vessel had no heat nor lights. The minimal supply of oil in one boiler totally disappeared just as she dropped anchor in Halifax, and the fire in the boiler died out. She took on new supplies and left there December 31, arriving here January 5 and left today for Southern ports.

Woman Attorney Fights For Equal Rights



EQUAL RIGHTS are to be de-
manded by the women of America,
now that they have the vote and are
really cutting a figure in politics.
Mrs. D. Shelton Matthews, famous
Washington, D. C., attorney, and
head of the legal research depart-
ment of the Woman's Party, will
take a big part in the "equal rights"
conference to be held in Washington
soon, to arrange national action.

TABLET REPORT WILL BE MADE

Directors of Chamber of Commerce
Monday to Hear Report on Im-
proved Lighting of Bridge

A final report on the historical
tablets will be submitted to the board
of directors of the Chamber of Com-
merce at its meeting which will be
held at 3:30 o'clock Monday after-
noon in the rooms of that organiza-
tion by R. S. Jones, chairman. This
committee soon will report on the
final inscriptions to be placed and
a special committee will go over the
inscriptions before the work is be-
gun. There are seventeen of these
tablets to be placed in different parts
of the city to mark points of historical
interest.

At the suggestion of the Chamber
of Commerce the Alexandria Light
and Power Company has extended
the arm of the light at the west end
of the Potomac railroad yard bridge
so as to throw the light in the center
of the bridge which will prove a great
aid to motorists. This point is re-
garded as a danger spot and the
Chamber of Commerce hopes in the
near future to have the authorities
of Arlington county place a red light
at this point which will warn moti-
orists of the dangerous turn there.
A report on this also will be sub-
mitted.

PLAINTIFF IS GIVEN VERDICT

January Term of U. S. Court Closes
This Afternoon After Hear-
ing Civil Suit

Today's session of the United States
Court for the Eastern district of Vir-
ginia, Judge D. Lawrence Grover
presiding, was taken up in hearing the
suit of the Economy Baler Company
against William F. Hale, the purpose
of which is to recover the sum of
\$2,011 balance alleged to be due on
conditional sale. A verdict for the
amount sought with interest from
August 18, 1920 was given by the
court.

Attorney W. C. Prentiss and Wil-
liam P. Woods represented the com-
plainant in the case and the defend-
ant is represented by Judge C. E.
Nicol and Thomas H. Lion.

16-Year-Old Boy Charged With Killing His Father

Lynchburg, Va., Jan. 6.—Camp-
bell county authorities are investigat-
ing the death of Edward L. Stepp,
formerly a street car motorman here,
who was shot in his bed Thursday by
his son, Fred Stepp, 16 years of age.
The boy is said to have loaded a shot-
gun and fired into his father's head.
Reloading the weapon, he calmly
fired the second shot into his head.
The boy waited around until Sheriff
Perrow had been notified and drove
seven miles to arrest him. His only
statement was that he killed his
father "for the good of his sister and
the community." Further than that
he declined to talk after he was
placed in the county jail. The boy
will probably be given an examina-
tion Monday before the county grand
jury in the Circuit Court. He appears
to be a normal youth, but expresses
no regret over having killed his
father.

TWAS TOO GOOD

New York, Jan. 6.—To keep her husband
home, nights Mrs. Severn brewed
some home made stuff, Hubby not
only stayed, but wrecked the place
with an axe after two drinks.

EUROPE IN SPIRIT OF GREAT UNREST; U. S. IS HANDS OFF

NATIONS MUST HAVE LONGER TIME TO PAY

Members of Debt Commis-
sion to Ask Change
in Arrangement

WILL ASK CONGRESS

Earlier Terms Must be Made to Na-
tions Owning U. S. \$11,000,000,000—
Resolution Might be Passed by
House But Senate Doubtful.

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—Members of
the American foreign debt refunding
commission are convinced that debtor
nations must be given easier terms
for repaying their \$11,000,000,000 ob-
ligation to this country, and are
ready to ask congress to modify ex-
isting terms whenever it should ap-
pear that a modification proposal
would receive favorable action in the
Senate.

This information was obtained to-
day from an unquestioned congress-
ional source.
Feelings have been put out in con-
gress, it was learned and resulted in
the conclusion by American debt
commissioners that a resolution mod-
ifying the present terms of debt set-
tlement—25 years at 5-1-4 per cent
interest—could be passed in the House
but would be defeated in the Senate.
A resolution introduced in the Sen-
ate at this time, it was decided prob-
ably would only be used as another
instrument of delay in the hands of
senators who are fighting the admin-
istration ship subsidy bill.

However, it was said, sentiment
in the Senate was found to be shifting
toward a more lenient attitude toward
the foreign debtors and it may not
be many months before legislation
liberalizing the refunding terms could
be enacted in the upper branch.
The informant declared that "a
situation might arise within the next
few days" that would result in an im-
mediate, even the fruitless, effort to
get congress to modify the refund-
ing terms. This possible development
referred to, apparently has to do with
the presence in Washington of the
British refunding commission, which
starts to "talk business" with the
American commission tonight.

If a move for modification of re-
funding terms is made in congress,
it is expected that the resolution will
be introduced first in the House. Rep.
Burton of Ohio, a member of the re-
funding commission, would introduce
it, it is believed. He favors modifica-
tion of the terms and is one of those
who have been sounding out senti-
ment on debt matters on Capitol Hill.
Burton is understood to favor a
complete repeal of all legislative terms
on the debt refunding with authority
to fix terms on both interest and
principal payments transferred to the
refunding commission. It is said, feel
that Burton's plan is too drastic and
would never have a chance in the
Senate. They are said to believe the
only way to approach modification
would be to suggest an extension to a
definite term of years, say 75, and
then strike a compromise with the
Senate at perhaps 50 years.

ADMIRAL RODMAN RETIRED

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 6.—Rear Ad-
miral Hugh Rodman, commandant of
the Fifth Naval district and one of
the most distinguished officers of the
navy, after 44 years of continuous
service, ended his career in the navy
today. He will be retired tomorrow
at noon, at the age of 64, and will be
succeeded by Rear-Admiral Philip
Andrews, commandant of the Norfolk
Navy Yard.

MODERN METHODS OF WAR IN TEXAS WHISKEY BATTLING

(By United Press.)
Corsicana, Texas, Jan. 6.—War
against entrenched moonshiners, in
which the most modern implements of
battle will be used, was planned here
today by prohibition officers.

Upon his return from Dallas, where
he announced he had gained permis-
sion to use poison gas to drive illi-
cit distillers from their stronghold in
a swamp in the Porters Bluff vicin-
ity, George E. Webb, head of probi-
tion forces in this section, began
manning out a campaign.
Eight attacks by raiders, in which
two liquor runners were killed and
several wounded, have failed to oust
the hooch manufacturers.
Word recently reached Webb that

Rhineland Troops to be Re- moved at First French Aggressive

GERMANY APPEALS

Greece Strengthens Forces
—French Airplanes Hover
Over Ruhr Sector

(By United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 6.—American
troops will be ordered withdrawn
from Germany the moment France
begins a military occupation of the
Ruhr Valley, a high government of-
ficial said today.
This action will be taken as a
protest against the threatened French
action, which this government always
has strongly disapproved and which
it believes menaces the peace of Eu-
rope.

Withdrawal of American troops,
close on the heels of the British re-
fusal to support the French plan,
would leave France standing virtu-
ally alone in her efforts to force Ger-
many to pay reparations which the
British and American governments
regard as impossible.

FRENCH INVASION
London, Jan. 6.—French airplanes
crossed the Rhineland yesterday and
hovered above Mannheim yesterday, ap-
parently spying out the land preparatory
to military action, according to a Ber-
lin dispatch to the Central News to-
day.

GREECE PREPARES
Athens, January 6.—Greece is
strengthening her military forces with
an eye to possibilities of war in
Thrace, General Gonatis, of the revolu-
tionary government, informed the
United Press today.
"While the Greek government hopes
and believes that the signing of pre-
liminary peace is imminent, we are
nevertheless supplementing our ar-
mies, ready to confront any possi-
bilities in Thrace," Gonatis said.

ASKS "SHOW DOWN"
Lausanne, Jan. 6.—Great Britain,
having withdrawn from the Paris re-
parations conference, called for a
showdown at the Lausanne parley
this afternoon.

Marquis Curzon, foreign minister
and head of the British delegation
summoned a full session of the com-
mission on capitulations for four o-
clock announcing it was for the pur-
pose of hearing the Turks final
word.
Unless Ismet Pasha, head of the
Kemalist delegation, presents a pro-
ject fully admitting the principles of
guarantees for foreigners, upon
which not only Britain, but the United
States insisted, Curzon said the con-
ference would end.

It was generally believed the Turks
would offer a basis for further dis-
cussion.

GERMANY'S APPEAL

Paris, Jan. 6.—Germany appealed
today for an opportunity to explain
reparations defaults and evert occu-
pation of the Ruhr by France.

The reparations commission agreed
to hear on Monday the German ex-
planation of failure to deliver the
required amount of coal before de-
claring her in default.
Great Britain will take part in the
meeting, and should the explanation
be accepted, trouble in the Rhineland
and Ruhr would be temporarily
avoided. It was predicted, how-
ever, that Germany could not satis-
factorily explain the defaults and
that the French would continue with
their plans for enforcing payments.

Paris, Jan. 6.—France today push-
ed preparations for possible invasion
of the Ruhr, and sought Belgian
cooperation.

Premier Poincare, who is expect-
ed to announce Germany's default
and the punitive measures France
contemplates on January 16, is un-
derstood to have given Premier The-
unis details of the military measures
proposed, in order that the Belgian
general staff may take the necessary
steps to assist.

the narrow paths leading through
dense undergrowth to the hidden
stills had been mined. Webb then de-
vised the idea of using poison gas.
As a result of the raids already
made on the outskirts of the swamp
lands, six huge stills have been
wrecked and 10,000 gallons of moon-
shine poured into the muddy waters
of the Trinity River. But at night the
flicker of dim lights amid the dense
tangle of Shumac and Elm tells of
fevers that the wild catties continue
to kindle the fires in their stills.
Webb will surround the section with
prohibition agents with machine guns
and then pump the poison gas into
the swamps, forcing the lawbreakers
from cover.